KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, in the education building of the Kansas State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams
Mildred McMillon
Mary Douglass Brown
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Scott Hill
Mandy Specht
Linda Holloway
Bill Wagnon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore recommended consent agenda item 21 g on LEA allotments for Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title VI, and Migrant Education for 1997-98 be changed from an action item to a receive item; and added an executive session under new business to discuss non-elected personnel. Dr. Abrams pulled from the consent agenda item 21 r involving requests for visiting scholar certificates. Dr. Abrams moved approval of the meeting agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Brown, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Holloway suggested that a change may need to be made on page 4 of the May 14 minutes to add the title Mrs. to her name to be consistent with the titles throughout the document. Mrs. McMillon noted that, on page 4 of the May 13 minutes, the vote on the Kansas School Building Report Card should be

changed to reflect a 7 to 3 division because Mr. Hill did not vote "no." Dr. Abrams moved approval of the minutes as corrected; seconded by Dr. Wagnon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, provided a report on budget workshops involving school districts and community colleges, AVTS budget hearings, and 1998 revenue projections. He presented the fiscal year 1999 budget with policy options to be tentatively agreed upon at the July meeting.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Gilmore opened the Forum at 11:15 a.m. Three persons addressed the Board:

- Craig Abla, representing Central Christian School, Hutchinson;
- Coleen Karten, St. George; and
- James F. Hilton, Central Christian School, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hutchinson

Chairman Gilmore closed the Forum at 11:30 a.m. and called a five-minute break.

AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS: Operating budgets 1997-98

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, explained the recommendations for budgets of area vocational-technical schools. In May, staff members reviewed the operating budgets at the annual hearings. Dr. Abrams made the motion that the State Board of Education approve the 1997-98 operating budgets for area vocational schools, area vocational-technical schools, and technical colleges as listed; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS: Capital outlay requests

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, presented the recommendations and responded to questions. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education approve the 1997-98 capital outlay requests for the area vocational schools, area vocational-technical schools, and technical colleges as per the recommendations of the hearing committee; seconded by Mr. Hill, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PLAN

Ms. Carol Dermyer, Coordinator of Student Support Services, gave a progress report on the Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education for Children Birth Through Eight. She reported the document "Supporting Families and Young Children in Kansas," was developed under the Board's Strategic Direction 2, "Develop and Extend Resources for Parenting Programs and Childhood Education." In 1992, the Early Childhood Stakeholders Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from all

agencies responsible for early childhood, wrote the standards in the document which are based on research in brain functioning and child development. Dr. Wagnon asked Ms. Dermyer to give examples for practical uses of the standards, which she did.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 1997-98

Mrs. Judi Miller, consultant in Program Support Services, presented the recommendations of the review committee and responded to questions. The grants recommended for funding were from: Chanute, USD 413; Wichita, USD 259; Great Bend, USD 428; Leavenworth, USD 453; Derby, USD 260; Holton, USD 336; Burlington, USD 244; SEKESC 609 (2); Gardner/Edgerton, USD 231; ESSDACK 622; Haysville, USD 261 (2); Neodesha, USD 461; Wellsville, USD 289; Topeka, USD 501; Garden City, USD 457 (2); Haven, USD 312; Auburn-Washburn, USD 437; and TEEN 632. Mr. Rundell moved that the programs recommended for approval by the Educational Excellence Grant Selection Committee be approved for funding; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS GRANT AWARDS FOR 1997-98

Mrs. Lynne Owen, consultant in Program Support Services, presented recommendations to award grants to Parents as Teachers programs which provide research-based information on early childhood development, support, and assistance to over 10,000 families with children 0-3 years of age. Mrs. Owen explained there were no new programs or expansions of current programs because there was no new money. Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education approve the grant awards as requested; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CHALLENGE FUND GRANTS FOR 1997-98

Mr. Ken Gentry, Team Leader, Program Support Services, presented the recommendations of the review committee and responded to questions. Discussion focused on the fifteen priority points added to those districts that met the poverty definition as required in the federal grant. The grants recommended for funding were from: Wichita, USD 259; Auburn-Washburn, USD 437; Smoky Hill ESC 619; Garden City, 457; Chanute, USD 413; Dodge City, USD 443; Turner, USD 202; Topeka, USD 501; SCKESC 628; Salina, USD 305; Wheatland, USD 292; SEKESC 609; Manhattan/Ogden, USD 383; Independence, USD 446; and Olathe, USD 233. Dr. Wagnon moved that the State Board of Education approve the grant awards as requested; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Commissioner of Education, asked for approval of the Kansas Education Technology Plan. Mr. Hill made the motion that the State Board of Education approve the Technology Plan as presented; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lunch Break

Chairman Gilmore called a lunch recess at 12:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:45 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, presented information on the three vacancies existing on the Teaching and School Administration Professional Standards Advisory Board. Three nominations were made and a discussion was held questioning the nomination process. Mr. Hill made a motion for this item to be held until next month's meeting. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion, which did not pass on a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Specht and Dr. Wagnon. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Mr. Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, presented information on the three vacancies existing on the Professional Practices Commission. Chairman Gilmore asked, in light of the discussion of the last item, if nominations should be made to fill vacancies on the Professional Practices Committee. Nominations were made. The nominations did not pass on a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams,

Mrs. Brown, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Holloway and Mr. Gilmore. No action was taken.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

Mr. Gerald Christensen, consultant, Community Colleges and Community Education Team, presented information on the elimination of on-street motorcycle training. Mr. Hill made the motion for staff to be directed to proceed with the process for amending K.A.R. 91-5-14 to eliminate the requirement for on-street motorcycle training; seconded by Dr. Wagnon, and the motion carried on a 7 to 2 vote with one abstention. Voting "no" were Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Rundell, and Mrs. McMillon abstained.

SALARY SCHEDULES FOR KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND FOR KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Mr. Gerald Johnson, KSSD Superintendent, presented the FY 98 unclassified salary schedules for the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education approve the salary schedules as presented; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE

BLIND TO RENEW CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES

Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education authorize the KSSB Superintendent to contract with the groups/individuals listed for services to students; seconded by Mr. Hill, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Sharon Freden, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, presented the waiver request from Mill Creek Valley, USD 329. Dr. Wagnon made the motion to approve the waiver of SBR 91-31-19(e) for Mill Creek Valley, USD 329, to allow athletic practice to occur during the school day during a period of one year, with the stipulation that, during that time, the district develop and implement a corrective action plan which eliminates the need for a waiver; seconded by Mrs. Brown, and the motion carried by a 9 to 1 vote. Voting "no" was Mr. Rundell.

CONTINUE CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE MATHEMATICS, READING, AND WRITING ASSESSMENTS

Dr. Sharon Freden, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, requested the continuation of the contract with the University of Kansas for the development and administration of the state mathematics, reading, and writing assessments. A discussion was held regarding the assessment tests. Dr. Wagnon made the motion to approve the contract with the University of Kansas for the development and administration of the state mathematics, reading, and writing assessment instruments; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, motion did not pass with a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Hill, and Mrs. Holloway.

A ten-minute break was taken at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. McMillon made a motion to approve the contract with the University of Kansas and staff be directed to have validation studies conducted on nationally recognized norm-referenced tests to determine which match the state's curriculum standards and that these studies by completed by May or June of 1998 so the Board can make a decision regarding the appropriate use of these tests in assessing the state's curriculum standards; seconded by Mrs. Specht, motion did not pass with a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Hill, and Mrs. Holloway.

RECEIVE OPTIONS FOR LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR STATE ASSESSMENTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENT OF STATE ASSESSMENTS

Dr. Sharon Freden, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, presented information on options for discussion for a long-range plan for

state assessments and information about the possible enhancement of state assessments. She responded to questions from the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ken Bungert responded to questions about item r on visiting scholars. Mr. Hill made a motion to remove item r to be voted on as a separate item; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Abrams made the motion to approve item r (1) visiting scholar at Douglass High School, USD 396; seconded by Dr. Wagnon, and the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Abrams made the motion to disapprove item r (2) visiting scholar at Wichita South High School, USD 259; seconded by Dr. Wagnon, motion failed with a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Specht, and Mr. Gilmore. A discussion was held and Mrs. Specht made the motion to approve item r (2) visiting scholar for one year only; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, motion carried by a 6 to 4 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Holloway, and Dr. Wagnon.

Mrs. Specht made the motion to approve the rest of the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

IN THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE STATE BOARD

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed appointments to special project positions and established their salaries for fiscal year 1998.
- Approved school construction plans: Osawatomie, USD 367; Valley Center, USD 262; and Ellinwood, USD 355.
- Received draft copy of minutes for the April 8, 1997, meeting of the State Advisory Council for Special Education.
- Received a report on education of homeless children and youth.
- Approved accreditation status for: Turner, USD 202 - Junction Elementary, Morris Elementary, and Muncie Elementary; Remington-Whitewater, USD 206 - Whitewater Elementary, Potwin Elementary, and Frederic Remington High; Elkhart, USD 218 - Elkhart Elementary and Elkhart Middle; Olathe, USD 233 - Indian Creek Elementary, Black Bob Elementary, Green Springs Elementary, and Olathe South Sr. High; West Smith County, USD 238 - Kensington Elementary and Kensington High; Wichita, USD 259 - Caldwell Elementary; West Elk, USD 282 - Howard West Elk Jr.-Sr High; Hutchinson, USD 308 - Lincoln Elementary; Colby, USD 315 - Colby Elementary, Colby Middle, and Colby Senior High; Logan, USD 326 - Logan Elementary; Ellsworth, USD 327 - Geneseo Elementary; Holton, USD 336 - Colorado Elementary, Central Elementary, Holton Middle, and Holton High; Belle Plaine, USD 357 - Belle Plaine Middle; Marysville, USD 364 - Marysville Jr.-Sr. High; Paola, USD 368 - Sunflower Elementary; Sublette, USD 374 - Sublette Elementary, Sublette Middle, and Sublette High; Circle, USD 375 -

Benton Elementary, Towanda Elementary, and Circle High; Marion County USD 408 - Marion High; Atchison, USD 409 - Franklin Elementary and Central Elementary; Abilene, USD 435 - McKinley

Elementary and Garfield Elementary; Dodge City USD 443 - Miller Elementary; Leavenworth, USD 453 - Leavenworth Sr. High; Arkansas City, USD 470 - Arkansas City Middle; Columbus, USD 493 - Central Elementary; Lawrence USD 497 - New York Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Schwegler Elementary, and Kennedy Elementary; Baxter Springs, USD 508 - Central Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, and Baxter Springs High; Shawnee Mission, USD 512 - Hickory Grove AEP, Crestview Elementary, Santa Fe Trail Elementary, Nieman Elementary, Christa McAuliffe Elementary, Antioch Middle, Hocker Grove Middle, and Mission Valley Middle; School for the Blind High; Kansas City Catholic Diocese Z0029 - Maur Hill; and Wichita Catholic Diocese Z0031 - St. Peter Elementary and Kapaun Mt. Carmel High.

- Received LEA allotments for Title I ($52,277,755), Title II ($2,012,567), Title IV ($2,312,271), Title VI ($2,593,324), and Migrant Education ($6,831,132) for 1997-98.
- Issued a certificate of approval to these proprietary schools: Art Instruction, Inc.-Palmers Writers School, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN; Center for Training in Business and Industry, Inc. in Lawrence, KS; Wichita Technical Institute, Inc. in Wichita, KS; Center for Professional Betterment, Inc. in Hays, KS; Norris Training Systems in Wichita, KS; Models & Images in Wichita, KS; Dental Careers in Topeka, KS; and Jim Mayer Seminars in Lawrence, KS.
- Allowed a waiver of K.A.R. 91-5-2 of the driver education regulation for Auburn-Washburn, USD 437, to implement a performance-based driver education curriculum.
- Extended the accreditation to Dodge City Community College as an associate degree-granting institution through the 2006-2007 academic year.
- Approved the proposed grants for FY 1997-98 Kansas Internship: Anna Stock, Topeka at Lakeshore Learning Center and Kaw Area Technical School; Janet Fisher, Salina at Wuthnow DDS and Salina AVTS; Stephen T. Doherty, Kansas City at Robbie Manufacturing and Kansas City AVTS; Burton Pianlto, Goodland at Nortel and Northwest Kansas AVTS; Kathy Robert, Colby at St. Francis Medical Center and Colby Community College; Janette Bridges, Topeka at Josten's Printing and Publishing and Kaw AVTS; Alan Cochran, Emporia at Detroit Diesel and Flint Hills Technical College; and Rex O'Brien, Hays at KMA Productions, North Central Kansas Technical College.
- Accredited North Central Kansas Technical College, Southeast Kansas Technical School, and Salina AVTS through the 2001-2002 academic year.
- Approved the Carl Perkins Competitive Grants for FY 1998.
- Issued a 1997 license to Midstate Driving School, Concordia, KS.
- Authorized Gardner, USD 231 to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved

The State Board authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into contract with:

- Jean Attebury to provide the requested service of developing and editing Communication Arts Standards Staff Development Package, with the contract amount not to exceed $8,670.00.
- Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Emporia State University to provide services to vocational student organizations in the amount of $32,518 (federal) and $32,518 (state) to each university.
- Coopers and Lybrand to develop and pilot a financial reporting system in the following school districts in the amount of $50,000: Clifton-Clyde, USD 224; Wichita, USD 259; Salina, USD 305; Peabody-Burns, USD 398; Great Bend, USD 428; Garden City, USD 457; and Tonganoxie, USD 464.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education recess for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes starting at 4:30 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. At 4:50 p.m., Chairman Gilmore opened the meeting and called a recess for the day.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 1997, in the education building of the Kansas State Board of Education in Topeka. He thanked Dr. and Mrs. Bill Wagnon for the breakfast held at their home for Board members and administrative staff.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams
Mildred McMillon
Mary Douglass Brown
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Scott Hill
Mandy Specht
Linda Holloway
Bill Wagnon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. McMillon made the motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mrs. Brown, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ALTERNATIVE ACCREDITATION PROPOSAL FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Hill made the motion that a task force of staff, State Board members, and Kansas Association of Non-Government Schools representatives be formed to develop alternative accreditation for non-government elementary and secondary schools by the October Board meeting; seconded by Mrs. Brown. The motion did not pass with a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Specht, and Dr. Wagnon.

TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND REGENTS' INSTITUTIONS

Mrs. Morrison made the motion to renew the revised Transfer and Articulation Agreement between the Kansas Public Community Colleges and the Kansas Regents Universities through the academic year 2001-2002; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

REDESIGN OF LICENSURE FOR KANSAS EDUCATORS

Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, led a work study session on issues related to the Educator Licensure Redesign Proposal. This was an opportunity for the Board members to identify issues and concerns that they had about licensure and to agree upon a schedule for work through the redesign proposal.

Chairman Gilmore called a ten-minute break at 10:00 a.m.

CARL PERKINS TECH PREP NEW AND CONTINUATION GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

Dr. Abrams recommended the applications for funding of Carl Perkins New Tech Prep and Continuation grants for FY 1998 be funded; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, motion carried by unanimous vote.

SCHOOL TO WORK GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

Mr. Rundell made the motion to approve the applications for funding of School to Work Opportunities Planning grants for FY 1998; seconded by Mrs. Morrison; motion carried with a 9 to 1 vote. Mrs. Holloway voted "no." Mr. Hill asked that the School to Work program be discussed at the Board retreat in August.

FISCAL YEAR 1998 SALARIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, INCLUDING SUPERINTENDENTS OF STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Mr. Rundell made the motion to approve the FY 1998 salaries for personnel, including superintendents of State School for the Deaf and State School for the Blind with the addition of an increase for the Commissioner to the amount of $112,000; seconded by Mrs. Morrison. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DISCUSS HIRING PROCEDURE

The Board unanimously consented to accept the resignation of Board Secretary Joy Simpson. Mr. Lanny Gaston, Director, Personnel Services, presented the position description and advertisement for the position. Chairman Gilmore appointed a subcommittee of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. McMillon, Dr. Tompkins, and himself to make selections from the applications and to bring the finalists for interview by the entire Board. All Board members retain the right to review any of the applications.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request list and made several amendments. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the Board requests for travel as amended; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, motion carried by unanimous vote.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mr. Gilmore opened discussion on the Board retreat, suggested agenda items were: strategic directions, discussion on state assessments, school to work, federal education issues, NASBE's information on assessments, and core curriculum.

Mr. Dan Biles, Board Attorney, presented an update on litigation. Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board approve payment of services and expenses to Mr. Biles in his capacity as Attorney for the Board according to his itemized statement; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hill reported on legislative activities. He would like to see more Board members visiting the legislature and being more visible to legislators.

Dr. Tompkins reported on:

- the discussion on organizational structure of the department,
- environmental scan with Dr. Hodgkinson next month,
- Graduation Standards Task Force,
- school accreditation study by Kansas, Inc., and
- the Board's technology study.

Mrs. Morrison requested more information on Dr. Hodgkinson, materials he had written and possibly a biography. She also reported on her meeting with Girls' State and how positive the meeting was.

Mr. Hill reported how positive his experience was at the School for the Deaf graduation.

Mrs. Holloway reported on the wonderful experience she had at the School for the Blind graduation.

Mrs. Holloway could not attend the CSPD conference in Wichita, but she will talk with Diane Miller

soon regarding a summary of that conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Abrams made a motion to authorize the Board chairman to go to the executive board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association to pursue a means to accommodate the concerns of the Kansas Association of Non-Government Schools regarding activities for non-public, unaccredited schools; seconded by Mr. Hill. The motion did not pass with a 5 to 5 vote.

Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Specht, and Dr. Wagnon.

Dr. Abrams made a motion to authorize a study of norm-reference tests on how they interact with Kansas education and hire a consultant; seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion did not pass with a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were: Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Specht, and Dr. Wagnon. Mr. Gilmore amended Dr. Abrams motion to say standardized test rather than norm-reference; seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion did not pass with a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Specht, and Dr. Wagnon.

Chairman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.